GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4565
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SPY ON NEIGHBOUR
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned `Spy on neighbour, get reward` through CVC appearing in `Hindustan Times` dated July 31, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the name of informer would be kept secret; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): The Central Vigilance Commission have circulated the `Benami Black Money Scheme` on July 12, 2000 inviting members of public to report the matter to the Commission if they have information against a public servant about possession of black money or assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. The information so received will be scrutinized by the Commission and if considered sufficient for carrying out detailed investigation, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the Income Tax authorities will be advised accordingly. In suitable cases, the Commission may also advise the concerned authorities to move applications under the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944 for confiscation of ill-gotten money. While the Commission will not entertain anonymous or pseudonymous complaints, the identity of informants will not be disclosed if they so desire. The informants will be eligible for rewards directly from the CBI/Income Tax Department under their schemes in terms of which those who give information leading to successful unearthing of black money and benami properties are suitably rewarded.

The scheme also cautions members of public against furnishing any information which they know or believe to be false, which is a criminal offence under section 182 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.